



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020



### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a lovely break. I know we all felt refreshed especially with the added few days. A slightly unusual start to term as it was also the start of the new National Lockdown Restrictions. I sent a letter out to you yesterday outlining the very few changes this has meant for us. One is that unfortunately after school extra-curricular clubs have had to be cancelled as they are no longer allowed to happen. We very much hope to be able to start them after Christmas. The only after school clubs allowed are child care and so Kindergarten Kids Am to PM club is still running.

The second thing to have changed is that I have asked staff to wear face masks in communal areas and when they are taking the children to the school gates. I have also asked parents and carers to wear face masks/ coverings when they are waiting for their children at either gate. Parents who come on to the school grounds **MUST** wear a face covering unless they are exempt.



Keeping the rooms well ventilated remains a big part of the guidance and so we will continue to do this. As advised by the Health and Safety Executive we can close doors during lessons, keep windows open and then give the rooms a good airing when the children are not in there. With this in mind don't forget we have said children can wear an additional non-uniform jumper to school if they wish to. The temperature is definitely dropping so coats and other warm winter items are needed in school (don't forget to name them).

Next week is Children in Need Day and also Remembrance Day. On Wednesday the Pupil leadership Team and myself will be joining the remembrance "service" outside the library and the rest of the school will hold a minute's silence. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, for Children in Need Day, we are asking the children to wear non-uniform (if they wish) and wear something "spotty" for a donation. They can come completely "spotty" or simply wear a spotty hairband. We don't mind how "spotty" they are!



Bikeability for Year 6 starts next week. The bikes need to be brought through the front gate as normal and WALKED down to the playground where Mrs Roy will direct the children where to store them. I'm looking forward to a great term ahead. Keep an eye out for a Parent Survey that will be coming your way very soon via a Survey Monkey Link.

Warmest regards,  
Annie Knoupe

### Attendance...



Please don't forget to phone the office if your child is going to be absent because if we don't hear from you this becomes an unauthorised absence. Ideally please call by 8:50am and then we won't have to give you a ring.

Thank you.

## Reminders...

A few reminders about some of our rules we ask the children to follow.

- Shoulder length hair needs to be tied back
- Hair bands and bows to be plain and simple (red, black, white)
- No hair dye please
- No nail polish
- No fake tattoos (or real ones!!!)
- Shoes or boots with a low heel



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## Prospective Parents for Year 3 2021...

Please pass the message on to any friends and families who you know have a child in Year 2 and point them in the direction of our website where there is a dedicated page to Virtual Open Events. [Link to Virtual Open Events at WJS](#)

There is a 360 Virtual Tour where you can click on different parts of the school and look around the school and grounds, you might like to take a look yourself.



## Letters ....

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website.

<http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

## Term Dates...

**November 5<sup>th</sup> Term 2 starts for staff and children**

**W/C 9<sup>th</sup> Nov**

- Bikeability for year 6

**11th** 4O Micro Forest School

**12th** 5L Micro Forest School

**13th** Children In Need – Non-Uniform-Wear Spots to school!!

**16th** Respect week/Anti-bullying week

**18th** 5M Micro Forest School

**25th** 5T Micro Forest School

**26th** 6H Micro Forest School

**December**

**2nd** 6RM Micro Forest School

**W/C 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Arts Week

**11th** Festive Clothes Day (non uniform, party clothes, xmas jumper, not dressing up) – for Save The Children

**w/c 14th**

- Online Panto
- Year 3 Christmas Bubble Zoom Concert (information to follow)

**15th** Flu Nasal Spray Whole School

**16th** Children's Christmas Packed Lunch followed by party afternoon

**18th** End of term 2

**4th January 2021 – Start of term 3**